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CATTAI CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Indigenous plants of the Cattai Catchment

A guide to local native plants available in nurseries

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WHY PLANT NATIVE PLANTS?

Native bushland is the result of long term evolutionary processes adapting to certain environmental conditions. These processes are interrupted by development which can alter environmental conditions to favour growth of weeds. Bushland weeds often originate in nearby gardens where exotic plants are growing and are spread by dumping of garden refuse, wind, birds or transported down creeklines.

Native gardens look beautiful and natural and when properly planned in accordance with flowering times of plants you can have flowers all year round. This booklet on indigenous plants will help you decide which plants to plant and where. It may surprise you how you can use your existing trees and shrubs and use natives as supplementary plantings or you may prefer to set aside an area of your property to plant a native bush garden. Native ground covers and grasses are a great alternative to traditional lawns and use hardly any water and many don't require mowing.

Locally occurring or indigenous native plant species are recommended. When these trees and shrubs mature, their seed may spread by birds and other animals into the local bushland. If plants are indigenous it will help to maintain the biodiversity of local bushland reserves.

Refer to the business directory in this series for nurseries that stock indigenous plants, bush regeneration companies, native plant gardeners and other helpful organisations.

This booklet is divided into three separate sections: clayey soils, sandy soils and rainforest. A simple soil test can tell you what your soil type is. Take a handful of soil and add water. Squeeze it until you have a firm ball of moist soil in your hand. If you can feel individual sand grains then your soil is probably sandy, if it is smooth and mud is sticking to your hand, the soil is most likely clayey. Sandy soils are easy to dig, clayey soils are harder and more compact. If you are still not sure take a sample to your local nursery. Rainforest plants generally occur along creeklines.
Plants marked with **(m)** grow in moist areas.

CLAY SOILS AND ALLUVIUMS OF THE CUMBERLAND PLAIN - clayey soils

Trees over 10 metres when mature

Acacia decurrens	Sydney Green Wattle	Med-sized tree with bright yellow ball-shaped flowers Jul-Sep
Angophora floribunda	Rough-barked Apple	Med-sized spreading tree with fibrous bark and small white blossoms flowering Oct-Dec
Casuarina cunninghamiana	River She-oak (m)	Tall tree with many needle-like branchlets and small rounded cones.
Casuarina glauca	Swamp She-oak (m)	Med sized tree with dense foliage of needle-like branchlets and cylinder shaped cones.
Eucalyptus amplifolia	Cabbage Gum (m)	Broad-leaved medium tree with smooth white/grey bark flowering Nov-Jan
Eucalyptus acmenoides	White Mahogany	Tall rough-barked tree flowering Oct-Jan
Eucalyptus crebra	Narrow-leaved Ironbark	Med tree with long straight blackish trunk and creamy yellow flowers Sep-Dec
Eucalyptus eugenioides	Thin -leaved Stringybark	Med-sized tree with fibrous bark and cream flowers Sep-Dec
Eucalyptus fibrosa	Broad-leaved Ironbark	Tall tree with long straight trunk and creamy- yellow flowers Nov-Jan
Eucalyptus moluccana	Grey Box (m)	Med-sized tree with spreading foliage flowering Jan-Apr
Eucalyptus robusta	Swamp Mahogany (m)	Med-sized rough barked tree with reddish tinge and cream flowers Jun-Nov
Eucalyptus sclerophylla	Hard-leaved Scribbly Gum	Med-sized tree with white-grey bark marked with distinctive scribbles and whitish flowers Dec-Mar
Eucalyptus tereticornis	Forest Red Gum	Tall tree with mottled smooth grey bark flowering Jun- Nov
Melaleuca styphelioides	Prickly-leaved Paperbark (m)	Med-sized tree with papery bark and an elegant display of white flowers Nov-Jan

Trees 5-10 metres when mature

Acacia falcata	Sickle Wattle	Tall open shrub with large drooping eucalyptus-like leaves and small, pale yellow ball-shaped flowers Apr-July
Acacia implexa	Hickory	Slender, graceful small tree with light willowy foliage and pale yellow clusters of ball-shaped flowers Jan-Mar
Acacia parramattensis	Parramatta Green Wattle	Feathery-leaved small tree with pale yellow ball-shaped flowers Oct-Feb
Melaleuca decora	White Feather Honeymyrtle (m)	Med sized tree with dense foliage and papery bark. Flowers are creamy-white and sweet smelling Nov-Jan
Melaleuca linariifolia	Snow-in-summer (m)	Small tree with papery bark and white flowers in delicate feathery spikes Oct-Dec
Melia azedarach	White Cedar	Small deciduous tree with bunches of yellow berries in winter and clusters of star-shaped lilac-coloured flowers Oct-Dec

Trees and shrubs 3-5 metres when mature

Acacia floribunda	White Sallow Wattle (m)	Dense rounded shrub with an attractive display of ball-shaped pale yellow flowers Aug-Sept
Melaleuca nodosa	Ball Honeymyrtle (m)	Pretty shrub with papery bark and rounded clusters of creamy yellow flowers Oct
Trema aspera	Native Peach (m)	Tall shrub with sand-papery peach-shaped leaves flowering Nov-Feb

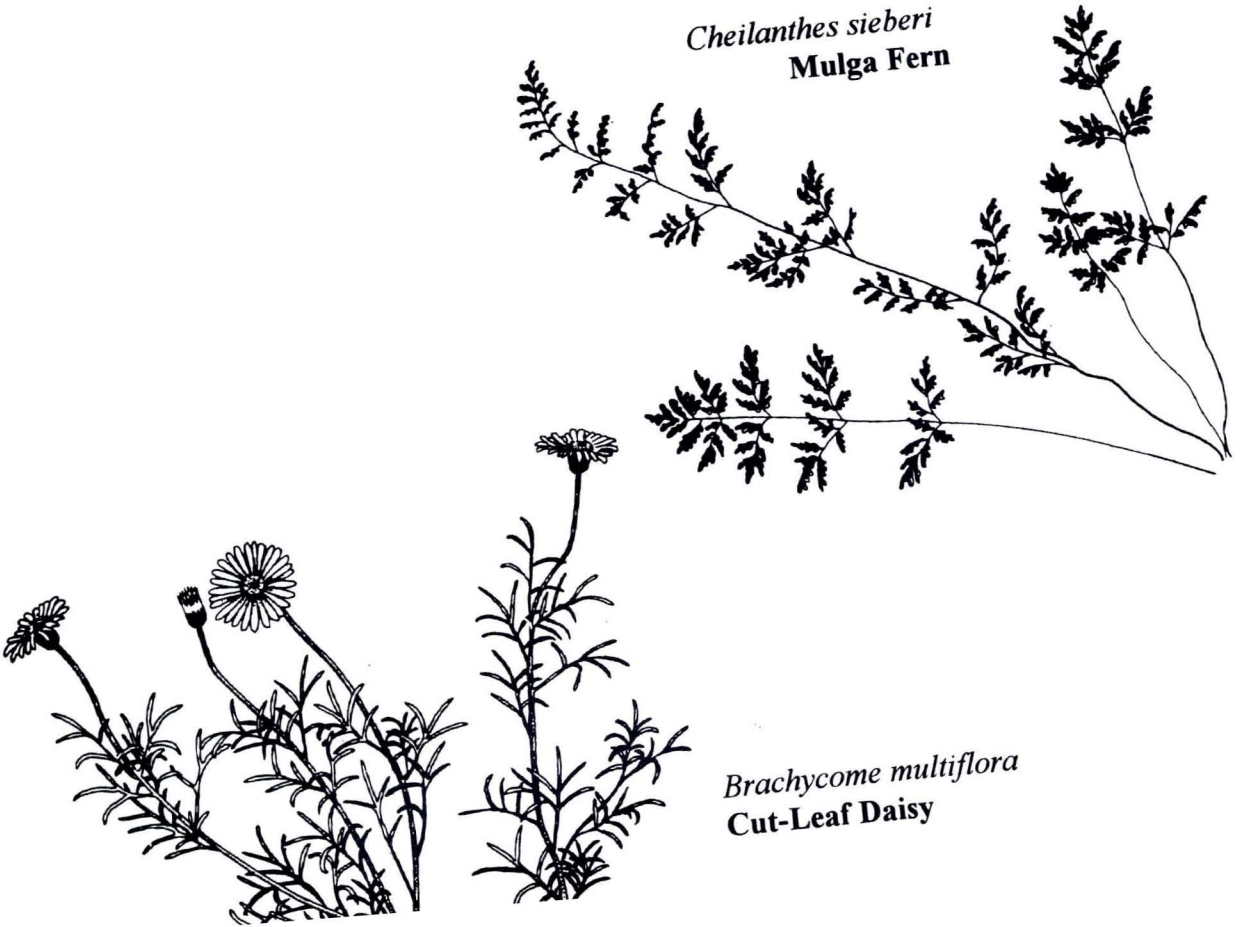
Shrubs 1-3 metres when mature

Callistemon rigidus	Stiff Bottlebrush	Small shrub with red flowers displaying a characteristic bottlebrush shape Oct-Nov
Hakea sericea	Needle Bush	Bushy shrub with needle-like leaves and a beautiful display of white flowers Jun-Sep

Indigofera australis	Native indigo	Small slender shrub with delicate green foliage and bright pink/purple flowers Aug-Sep
Jacksonia scoparia	Dogwood	Tall leafless shrub with a showy display of bright orange-yellow pea flowers Oct-Nov
Leptospermum polygalifolium	Lemon-scented Tea-tree	Graceful shrub with aromatic lemon-scented leaves and delicate white flowers Oct-Dec
Pratia purpurescens	White Root	Small herb with delicate white-pale purple star-shaped flowers
Pultanea villosa		Small, softly spreading leafy shrub with abundant rich yellow pea flowers Aug-Oct
Zieria smithii	Sandfly Zieria	Attractive shrub with strongly fragrant foliage and small, delicate white flowers Aug-Oct

Shrubs and ground-covers under 1 metre when mature

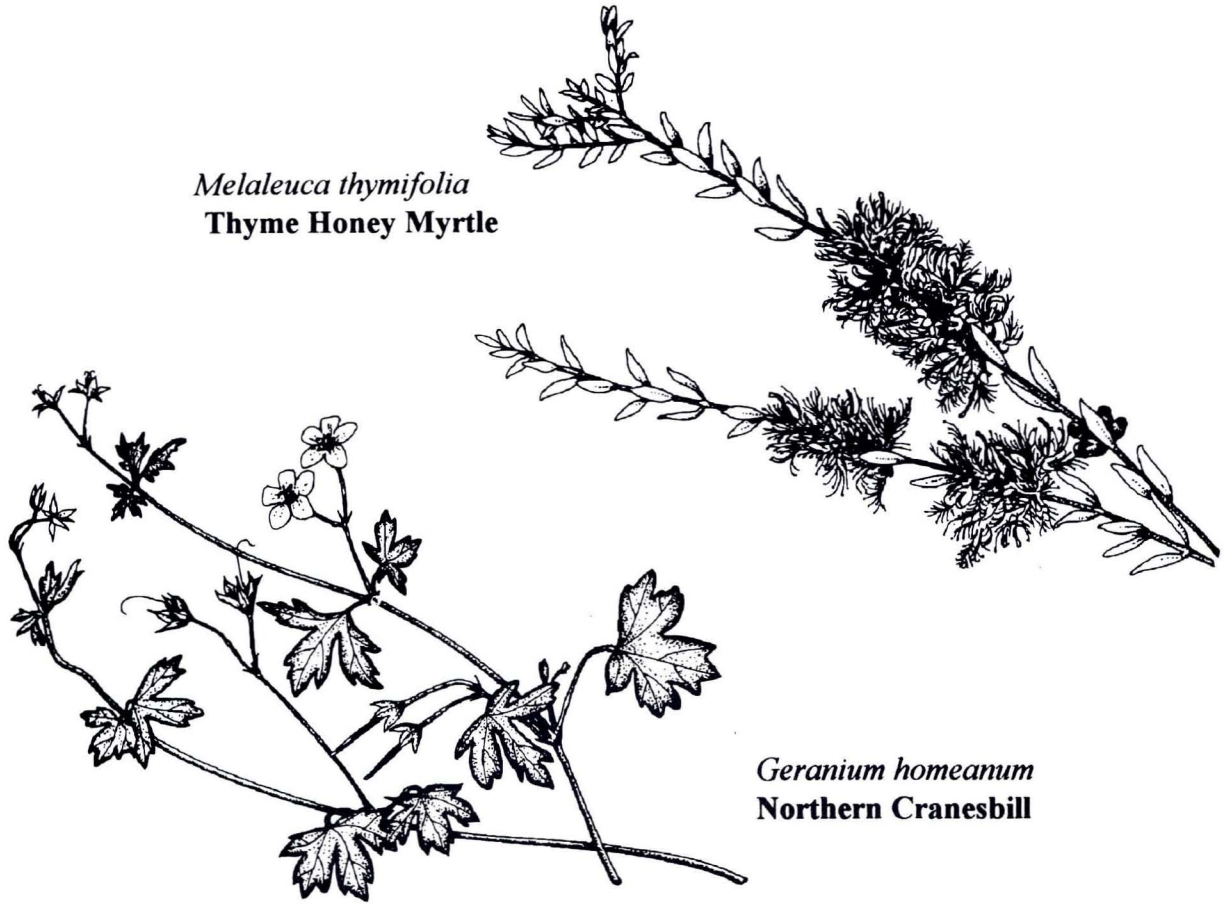
Adiantum aethiopicum	Maidenhair Fern (m)	Pretty, delicate fern growing well in wet, shady places
Brachycome multifida	Cut-leaf Daisy	A small, sprawling herb with delicate foliage and daisy-like mauve flowers with yellow centres Sep-Feb
Calochlaena dubia	False Bracken Fern (m)	Graceful, light green fern providing dense ground cover in open areas
Centella asiatica	Swamp Pennywort (m)	Beautiful ground cover in damp areas with soft green rounded leaves
Cheilanthes sieberi	Mulga Fern	An attractive small fern great for greenery in the garden
Correa reflexa		Beautiful small spreading shrub with heart-shaped leaves and long bell-like red flowers Jun-Sep
Danthonia spp	Wallaby Grass	Attractive tussock grass with long fine leaves and characteristic flower spikelets
Dianella revoluta	Mauve Flax Lily	Tufted herb with long bright green leaves and intense mauve to blue flowers Nov-Dec



Cheilanthes sieberi
Mulga Fern

Brachycome multiflora
Cut-Leaf Daisy

Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed (m)	Pretty, creeping herb forming lush green ground-cover in damp areas with delicate yellow-white flowers Sep-Dec
Echinopogon caespitosus	Tufted Hedgehog Grass	A slender grass with an attractive, bristly flower head.
Entolasia marginata		Sprawling grass with short, flat leaves, a good alternative to exotic lawn species.
Geranium homeanum	Northern Cranesbill	Slender, sprawling herb forming an attractive ground cover with tiny, delicate pale pink flowers Nov-Feb
Goodenia bellidifolia	Daisy-leaved Goodenia (m)	Small tufted herb growing well in sunny areas with delicate yellow flowers Nov-Feb
Hibbertia diffusa		Small sprawling shrub forming a beautiful ground-cover when densely planted, bright yellow flowers Sep-Feb
Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass	Attractive grass forming tufts of harsh erect leaves with a feathery, silky flower spike Nov-Feb
Lomandra longifolia	Mat Rush	Tufted plant with tough strap-like leaves and clusters of creamy-white flowers in a large inflorescence Sep-Nov
Melaleuca thymifolia	Thyme Honey-myrtle	Small spreading shrub with delicate feathery pink-purple flowers Oct-Jan
Microlaena stipoides	Weeping Grass	Small, slender grass, good for replacing exotic lawn species
Oplismenus imbecillus	Basket Grass (m)	Herb growing well on rocky ground (moist) with tiny white and bluish purple flowers Aug-Mar
Plectranthus parviflorus	Cockspur Flower (m)	Herb growing well on rocky ground with tiny white and bluish -purple flowers Aug-Mar
Poa labillardieri	Tussock Grass	Dense tussock grass with an attractive greenish purple flower spikelet Mar-Apr
Themeda australis	Kangaroo Grass	Tufted grass greenish-brown in colour with attractive purplish flower spikelets Sep-Mar
Wahlenbergia gracilis	Native Bluebell	Slender erect herb growing well in sunny situations with pretty, sky-blue, star-shaped flowers Nov-Jan



Melaleuca thymifolia
Thyme Honey Myrtle

Geranium homeanum
Northern Cranesbill

Climbers

Billardiera scandens	Apple Berry Dumplings	Slender climber with edible fruits when ripe and pretty, creamy-yellow bell-like flowers Sep-Dec
Clematis glycinoides	Forest clematis	Attractive, vigorous climber with masses of white flowers Aug-Oct
Hardenbergia violacea	False sarsaparilla	Attractive twiner with intense purple pea flowers Jul-Oct
Kennedia rubicunda	Dusky Coral Pea	Robust twiner with large attractive red flowers Aug-Dec

SANDSTONE WOODLANDS - sandy soils

Trees 10 metres or more when mature

Angophora costata	Smooth-barked Apple	Med tree with smooth pinkish bark and cream blossoms Oct-Jan
Angophora floribunda	Rough-barked Apple (m)	Med spreading tree with fibrous bark and small white blossoms Oct-Dec
Corymbia eximia	Yellow Bloodwood	Med tree with flaky yellow-brown bark and creamy-yellow flowers Oct-Nov
Corymbia gummifera	Red Bloodwood	Slender med tree with flaky reddish bark and cream-coloured flowers Feb-May
Eucalyptus pilularis	Blackbutt	Tall tree with spreading, silvery limbs flowering Sep-Jan
Eucalyptus piperita	Sydney Peppermint	Graceful, med tree with leaves having a strong peppermint fragrance flowering Nov-Jan
Eucalyptus punctata	Grey Gum	Tall tree with smooth, grey bark marked with patches of pink, flowering Dec-Apr
Melaleuca styphelioides	Prickly-leaved Paperbark	Med tree with papery bark and an elegant display of white flowers Nov-Jan

Trees 5-10 metres when mature

Allocasuarina littoralis	Black She-oak	Smallish tree with masses of needle-like branchlets and cylinder-shaped cones
Allocasuarina torulosa	Forest Oak	Small rounded tree with graceful, drooping foliage and ball-shaped cones
Angophora bakeri	Narrow-leaved Apple	Small rough-barked tree with drooping foliage and cream-coloured blossoms Nov-Jan
Callicoma serratifolia	Black Wattle (m)	Large, spreading shrub with serrated leaves and pale-yellow wattle-like flowers
Eucalyptus haemastoma	Scribbly Gum	Smallish tree with smooth, whitish bark displaying distinctive scribbles and white flowers Nov-Mar
Eucalyptus oblonga	Sandstone Stringybark	Small, slender tree with fibrous bark flowering Feb-Apr
Eucalyptus racemosa	Snappy Gum	Smallish tree with smooth whitish bark displaying distinctive scribble pattern, flowering Aug-Nov

Trees and shrubs 3-5 metres when mature

Acacia binervia	Coast Myall (m)	Elegant shrub with beautiful blue-grey foliage, dark flaky bark and bright yellow cylinder-shaped flowers Sep-Nov
Acacia longifolia	Sydney Golden Wattle	Attractive shrub with brilliant display of bright yellow flower spikes Jun-Nov
Angophora hispida	Dwarf Apple	Dense shrub with masses of cream flowers attracting a variety of insects Nov-Jan
Banksia serrata	Old Man Banksia	Gnarled thick-trunked small tree with serrated leaves and large orange-yellow flower spikes Dec-Mar
Callitrus rhomboidea	Port Jackson Cypress	Slender, native conifer with clusters of woody cones
Ceratopetalum gummiferum	NSW Christmas Bush	Attractive shrub for the garden. The pretty white flowers change to a bright red colour Nov
Elaeocarpus reticulatus	Blueberry Ash	Small tree with attractive foliage and masses of delicate, fringed white flowers and ornamental blue berries Nov-Dec

Pultanea flexilis	Graceful Bush-Pea	Graceful shrub with gently arching branches and yellow pea flowers with red markings Aug-Oct
Trema aspera	Native Peach (m)	Tall open shrub with sand-papery peach-shaped leaves flowering Nov-Feb

Shrubs 1-3 metres when mature

Acacia lunata	Box-leaf Wattle	Attractive shrub with an abundant , showy display of golden yellow ball-shaped flowers Aug-Oct
Acacia suaveolens	Sweet-scented Wattle	Slim, graceful blue-green shrub with cream ball-shaped flowers Jul-Sep
Acacia terminalis	Sunshine Wattle	Attractive, open shrub with a spectacular display of yellow ball-shaped flowers Mar-Aug
Austromyrtus tenuifolia	Narrow-leaved Myrtle (m)	Graceful shrub with dense foliage and small, delicate white flowers Nov-Dec
Baeckea linifolia	Swamp Baeckea (m)	Pretty, slender shrub with drooping branches and a profusion of tiny white flowers Jan-Feb
Baeckea virgata	Twiggy Heath-myrtle (m)	Attractive, spreading shrub with clusters of small, white flowers Dec-Jan
Banksia ericifolia	Heath Banksia	Rounded shrub with dense branches and foliage and long orange-red flower spikes Apr-Aug
Banksia marginata	Silver Banksia	Rounded shrub with small, yellow flower spikes rich in nectar Feb-Jun
Banksia oblongifolia	Fern-leaved Banksia	Spreading shrub with attractive foliage and greenish-yellow flower spikes Mar-Jul
Banksia spinulosa	Hairpin Banksia	Rounded narrow-leaved shrub with golden yellow to orange flower spikes Mar-Sep

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Epacris longiflora
Native Fuschia

Acacia terminalis
Sunshine Wattle

Callistemon citrinus	Crimson Bottlebrush (m)	Beautiful red-flowered bottlebrush with lemon-scented foliage, flowering Mar-May
Dodonaea triquetra	Common Hop Bush	Soft, leafy shrub for attractive greenery in the garden
Epacris longiflora	Native Fuschia	Graceful shrub with striking, tubular flowers, red with white tip Jun-Nov
Eriostemon australasius	Pink Wax Flower	Pretty shrub with showy pink star-shaped flowers Aug-Oct
Gahnia clarkei	(m)	Tall, leafy sedge with an attractive inflorescence
Gahnia seiberiana	(m)	Attractive, tall, leafy sedge
Gompholobium latifolium	Broad-leaved Wedge Pea	Attractive shrub with lemon-yellow pea flowers Aug-Nov
Grevillea buxifolia	Grey Spider Flower	Bushy shrub with conspicuous, hairy grey spider-like flowers Aug-Nov
Grevillea sericea	Pink Spider Flower	Colourful shrub, beautiful in the garden with soft, pink spider-like flowers Aug-Nov
Grevillea speciosa	Red Spider Flower	Shrub with clusters of bright red spider flowers Jun-Sep
Hakea dactyloides	Finger Hakea	Pretty shrub with small, eucalypt-like leaves and clusters of tiny, white flowers Sep-Oct
Hakea gibbosa		Small, prickly shrub with dense needle-like foliage and small creamy-white flowers Jun-Sep
Hakea sericea	Needle-bush	Bushy shrub with needle-like leaves and a beautiful display of white flowers Jun-Sep
Isopogon anemonifolius	Broad-leaf Drumsticks	Hardy shrub with yellow drum-stick flowers Sep-Nov
Isopogon anethifolius	Narrow-leaf Drumsticks	Med shrub with fine leaves and yellow flowers resembling drum sticks Sep-Nov
Kunzea ambigua	Tick Bush	Tall, spreading shrub with dense foliage and bristly, white flowers Oct-Nov
Lambertia formosa	Mountain Devils	Spreading, prickly shrub with unusual fruit and clusters of long, brilliant red flowers Sep-May

Lasiopetalum ferrugineum	Rusty Petals	Spreading shrub with clusters of small, rusty-coloured flowers Sep-Nov
Leptospermum juniperinum	Prickly Tea-tree (m)	Dense, compact shrub with small white flowers Nov-Dec
Leptospermum polygalifolium	Yellow Tea-tree (m)	Graceful shrub with aromatic, lemon-scented leaves and delicate, white flowers Oct-Dec
Leptospermum trinervium	Paperbark Tea-tree	Attractive shrub with rough, flaky bark and clusters of pretty, white flowers Aug-Dec
Lomatia myricoides	River Lomatia (m)	Tall shrub with dense, drooping foliage and clusters of creamy-coloured flowers Dec-Jan
Mirbelia rubiifolia		Small, spreading shrub with brilliant, purple pea flowers Sep-Nov
Notolaea longifolia	Mock Olive (m)	Tall shrub with large, dark green leaves, small yellow flowers and black olive-like fruit Apr-Jul
Olearia tomentosa		Pretty shrub with white or mauve daisy-like flowers with yellow centre Oct-Nov
Oxylobium ilicifolium	Native Holly	Attractive shrub with holly-like leaves and yellow pea flowers with red markings Sep-Nov
Petrophile pulchella	Cone-sticks	Narrow-leaved shrub with cone-shaped clusters of yellow flowers Dec-Mar
Phebalium squamulosum	Scaly Phebalium	Open, slender shrub with aromatic foliage and clusters of pale yellow flowers Aug-Nov
Pimelia linifolia	Rice Flower	Small, graceful shrub with clusters of delicate white flowers Jul-Oct
Platysace lanceolata	Native Parsnip	Leafy shrub with clusters of tiny, white flowers Dec-Apr

Platysace linearifolia	Carrot Tops	Small shrub with narrow leaves and clusters of tiny, white flowers Feb-Mar
Polyscias sambucifolia	Elderberry Panax	Tall, leafy shrub with clusters of greenish flowers Dec-Jan
Telopea speciosissima	Waratah	Erect shrub with a spectacular large, red flower Sep-Oct

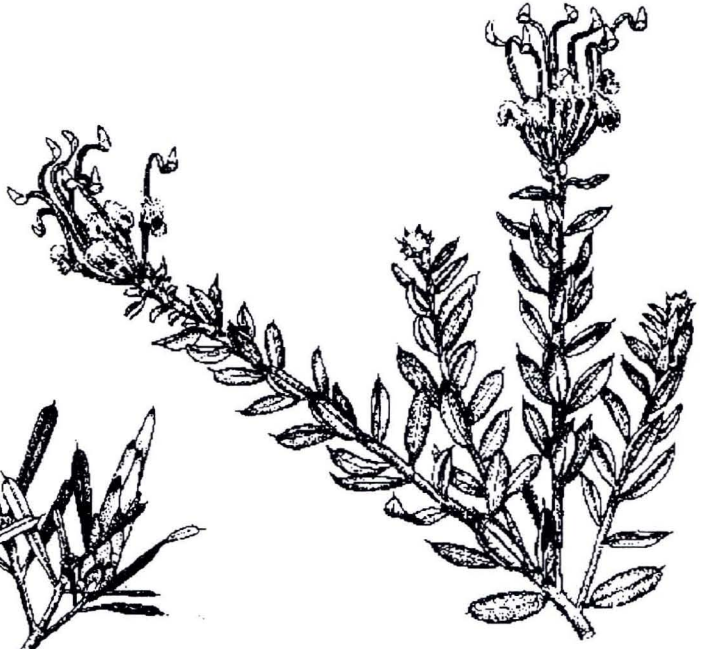
Shrubs and Ground-covers under 1 metre when mature

Actinotus helianthi	Flannel Flower	Beautiful herb growing well in sunny areas with soft, velvety, white daisy-like flowers Sep-Dec
Bauera ruboides	Dog Rose	Scrambling shrub with delicate leaves and bright pink flowers Jul-Dec
Blandfordia nobilis	Christmas Bells	Attractive, erect herb with beautiful red bell flowers with yellow tips Dec-Feb
Calytrix tetragona	Fringe-myrtle	Bushy shrub with white-pink star-shaped flowers Jul-Dec
Cheilanthes sieberi	Mulga Fern	An attractive small fern great for greenery in the garden
Correa reflexa	Common Correa (m)	Beautiful, small spreading shrub with heart-shaped leaves and long, bell-like red flowers Jun-Sep
Cymbopogon refractus	Barbed Wire Grass	Tufted grass with tall, wiry stems
Dampiera stricta	Blue Dampiera	Small, straggling shrub with rich mauve to blue flowers Aug-Dec
Dianella caerulea	Blue Flax Lily	Tufted herb with long, glossy leaves, bright blue fruit and rich blue flowers Sep-Nov
Dianella revoluta	Mauve Flax Lily	Tufted herb with long, bright green leaves and intense mauve to blue flowers Nov-Dec
Dichelachne crinata	Longhair Plume Grass	Graceful, erect grass with a dense silvery plume Oct -Apr
Dichelachne micrantha	Shorthair Plume Grass	Graceful, erect grass with a dense silvery plume Oct-Apr
Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed	Pretty, creeping herb forming a lush, green ground-cover in damp areas. Leaves are soft and kidney-shaped with delicate yellow-white flowers Sep-Dec

Digitaria parviflora	Smallflower Fingergrass	Attractive, tufted grass with leafy stems
Echinopogon caespitosus	Tufted Hedgehog Grass	Slender grass forming clumps with an attractive, bristly flower head
Entolasia spp.	Wiry Panic	Dense, spreading wiry grass forming a good ground cover
Eriostemon buxifolius	Box-leaf Wax Flower	Small shrub with attractive pale pink star-shaped flowers
Geranium solanderi var. solanderi	Cut-leaf Cranesbill	Slender, sprawling herb providing excellent soft ground cover with delicate pale pink to white flowers Sep-Feb
Gonocarpus micranthus		Creeping herb with tiny reddish flowers Dec-Feb
Gonocarpus teucrioides	Germander Raspwort	Small, erect herb with sand-papery leaves and tiny reddish flowers Sep-Feb
Goodenia bellidifolia	Daisy-leaved Goodenia	Small, tufted herb growing well in sunny areas with delicate yellow flowers Nov-Feb
Hemigenia purpurea	Narrow-leaved Hemigenia	Slender shrub with pretty, lilac flowers Jul-Nov
Hibbertia empetrifolia	Trailing Guinea Flower	Attractive, spreading herb forming a good ground-cover with bright yellow flowers Sep-Mar
Hydrocotyle tripartita		Small, creeping herb forming an attractive ground cover with clusters of tiny green flowers Nov-Jan
Hypolepis muelleri	Harsh Ground Fern (m)	Pretty, dark green soft-fronded fern
Imperata cylindrica	Blady Grass	Attractive grass forming tufts of harsh, erect leaves with feathery, silky flower spikes Nov-Feb
Lomandra longifolia	Mat Rush	Tufted plant with tough strap-like leaves and clusters of creamy flowers in a large inflorescence Sep-Nov
Melaleuca thymifolia	Thyme Honey-myrtle	Small, spreading shrub with delicate feathery pink-purple flowers Oct-Jan
Microlaena stipoides	Weeping Grass	Small, slender grass, a good alternative to exotic lawn species
Oplismenus imbecillus	Basket Grass (m)	Small, sprawling grass with short, broad leaves and delicate flower spikes, a good alternative to exotic lawn species

Patersonia sericea	Silky Purple Flag	Densely tufted herb with grass-like leaves and large bright purple flowers Sep
Phylotta phyllicoides		Attractive, bushy shrub with clusters of bright yellow pea flowers Aug-Oct
Platylobium formosum	Handsome Flat-Pea	Slender, scrambling shrub with yellow pea flowers Aug-Oct
Plectranthus parviflorus	Cockspur Flower (m)	Herb growing well on rocky ground with tiny white and bluish purple flowers Aug-Mar
Poa affinis		Pretty, tussock grass with small flower spikes Nov-Dec
Podocarpus spinulosus	Plum Pine	Attractive, straggling shrub with edible purple-black fruit on female plants
Pomax umbellata	Pomax	Small, spreading shrub with a chandelier-like arrangement of tiny greenish flowers Sep-Nov
Pteris tremula	Tender Brake (m)	Attractive, tufted pale green fern
Scaevola ramosissima	Purple Fan Flower	Pretty, scrambling herb with large purple flowers Nov-Jan
Themeda australis	Kangaroo Grass	Tufted grass, greenish brown in colour with attractive purplish flower spikelets
Viola hederacea	Native Violet (m)	Pretty, creeping herb carpeting the ground with pale blue-violet flowers Sep-Dec
Xanthosia tridentata	Rock Xanthosia (m)	Pretty little shrub with tiny greenish-yellow flowers Mar-Nov
Zieria laevigata		Small, open shrub with slender leaves and small white or pale pink star-shaped flowers Jun-Oct
Zieria pilosa		Low sprawling shrub with lemon-scented leaves and small white star-shaped flowers Sep-Nov
Zieria smithii	Sandfly Zieria	Attractive shrub with strongly fragrant foliage and small, delicate white flowers Aug-Oct

Lambertia formosa
Mountain Devils



Grevilea buxifolia
Grey Spider Flower

Climbers

Billardiera scandens	Apple Berry Dumplings	Slender climber with edible fruits when ripe and pretty creamy-yellow bell-like flowers Sep-Dec
Cissus hypoglauca	Water Vine (m)	Large, robust vine with large leaves, clusters of blue-black berries and small, bright yellow flowers Nov-Dec
Eustrephus latifolius	Wombat Berry	Attractive climber with edible orange berries and small white-purple lily-like flowers Oct-Nov
Hardenbergia violacea	False sarsaparilla	Attractive twiner with intense purple pea flowers Jul-Oct
Hibbertia dentata	Twining Guinea Flower	Pretty, scrambling vine with bright yellow flowers Aug-Nov
Kennedia prostrata	Running Postman	Attractive creeper with scarlet flowers displaying a yellow centre Jul-Oct
Kennedia rubicunda	Dusky Coral Pea	Robust twiner with large attractive red flowers Aug-Oct
Pandorea pandorana	Wonga Wonga Vine	Tall, vigorous climber with beautiful masses of drooping white bell-like flowers with purple markings Aug-Sep

RAINFOREST

Trees more than 10 metres when mature

Acacia elata	Cedar Wattle	Med tree with dense, spreading foliage and masses of pale yellow ball-shaped flowers Dec-Feb
Acacia implexa	Hickory Wattle	Slender, graceful small tree with light, willowy foliage and pale yellow clusters of ball-shaped flowers Jan-Mar
Ceratopetalum apetalum	Coachwood	Attractive med tree with mottled bark, serrated leaves and small white ball-shaped flowers Nov
Syncarpia glomulifera	Turpentine	Attractive tree with a tall, straight trunk, fibrous bark and clusters of creamy-white flowers Sep-Nov
Toona ciliata	Red Cedar	Med deciduous tree with pale bark and small white-pink flowers Oct-Nov

Trees 5-10 metres when mature

Acmena smithii	Lilly Pilly	Small tree with dense, dark glossy foliage, a good hedging plant with creamy-white flowers and pink berries Dec-Jan
Backhousia myrtifolia	Grey Myrtle	Spreading shrub with dark green foliage and creamy-coloured flowers Nov-Dec
Callicoma serratifolia	Black Wattle	Large, spreading shrub with serrated leaves and pale-yellow wattle-like flowers
Ficus rubiginosa	Rusty Fig	Small tree with attractive foliage, underside of leaves a rusty colour and purplish fig fruit Feb-Jul
Tristaniopsis laurina	Water Gum	Spreading tree with attractive dark green foliage and pale coloured bark. Flowers are delicate and golden yellow Dec-Jan

Trees and shrubs 3-5 metres when mature

Ficus coronata	Sandpaper Fig	Small tree with sand-papery leaves and fig fruit Jan-Jun
Glochidion ferdinandi	Cheese Tree	Bushy shrub great for hedging with distinctive pale yellowish fruit
Omalanthus populifolius	Bleeding Heart	Small tree with heart-shaped leaves turning rich red before falling

Shrubs 1-3 metres when mature

Eupomatia laurina	Bolwarra	Tall shrub with dark green glossy foliage and attractive white-cream flowers Jan
Pittosporum revolutum	Yellow Pittosporum	An attractive shrub with dark green foliage, orange coloured fruit and pretty yellow flowers Sep-Oct
Todea barbara	King Fern	A large fern with a short trunk and glossy, green leaves

Trema aspera	Native Peach	Tall open shrub with sand-papery peach-shaped leaves flowering Nov-Feb
Zieria smithii	Sandfly Zieria	Attractive shrub with strongly fragrant foliage and small, delicate white flowers Aug-Oct

Climbers and Ground-covers

Cissus antarctica	Water Vine	Large, robust climber with edible, glossy black fruit and cluster of small greenish flowers Nov-Jan
Cissus hypoglauca	Water Vine	Large, robust vine with large leaves, clusters of blue-black berries and small, bright yellow flowers Nov-Dec
Dichondra repens	Kidney Weed	Pretty, creeping herb forming a lush, green groundcover in damp areas. Leaves are soft and kidney-shaped with delicate yellow-white flowers Sep-Dec
Viola hederacea	Native Violet	Pretty, creeping herb carpeting the ground with pale blue-violet flowers Sep-Dec

** See the Cattai CMC business directory for organisations which can provide you with helpful information on planting native plants, nurseries that stock local indigenous species, bush regeneration contractors and native garden landscapers. Contact Cattai CMC for a copy on (02) 9651 2170.

Eriostemon sp.

Benefits of planting indigenous plants include:

- Less watering and maintenance is required
- They will establish relatively quickly
- Native birds and butterflies will be attracted to your garden
- They look great
- They are already adapted to local soil conditions and climate
- Native plants come in many sizes and shapes with a wide range of interesting flower colours and forms

HINTS ON PLANTING NATIVES

Preparation

Remember that different areas of your property receive different amounts of moisture and sun and place plants with similar requirements near to each other. Think about the maximum height and width your plants are likely to grow and space them appropriately.

Give plants a thorough watering before planting or stand them in water to soak. Dig holes about twice the width of the pot and a little deeper, loosening up the soil at the bottom of the hole. Fill the hole with water and wait for it to soak in. In particularly dry areas repeat this process. If soil has little organic matter sprinkle a small amount of slow release fertiliser into the bottom of the hole, mixing with the soil.

Planting

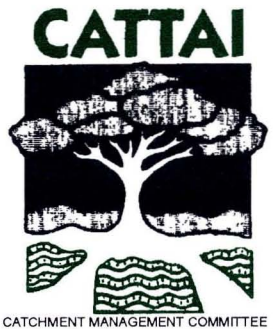
Gently tap the pot against a hard surface and remove the plant and soil from the pot. Remember to place your hand over the pot with the stem between your second and third fingers, and hand supporting the soil.

Carefully place the plant into the hole and fill with remaining soil, patting down firmly. Try to make a slight depression around the plant so water is directed to the root system during rain or watering. Give newly planted seedlings a thorough watering.

Aftercare

Native plants are naturally adapted to be able to withstand dry periods and therefore require minimal watering once established and require only occasional maintenance such as pruning and fertilising.

It is a good idea to apply mulch after planting. There are a range of materials that can be used as mulch. These include leaves, compost, newspaper, straw and bark chips. Mulch will help to prevent weed growth, reduce soil erosion, protect the roots of seedlings and reduce evaporation after watering. These need to be spread at about a 10cm thickness for maximum benefit and kept away from the main trunk to prevent fungal problems. Most mulches need to be reapplied about once a year.



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